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COUNTY AND GREECE HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

If you're a resident of southwestern Monroe County and you're still collecting semi-full paint cans from every paint job you've ever done, you can be one appointment away from safely getting rid of it—for free.

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the county's Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Town of Greece have joined forces to hold an **appointment-only** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Greece Highway Garage, Long Pond Road, on Saturday, October 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Most HHW (paint, flammables and other chemicals from home-use) is safe when used and stored properly. When they become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

"This collection gives residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals in a safe manner, and keeps usable items out of the landfills," said Doyle. "This program is another example of how the County is working with our towns and villages to meet the needs of residents."

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, **appointments are required** at all HHW collections. **Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until October 2nd.** To schedule an appointment for this collection, residents should call 247-2911. **Waste from businesses will not be accepted.**

Up to 30 gallons (liquid) and 75 pounds (solid) of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of **latex** paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)

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- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

Do Not Bring: used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (trash); and, propane tanks (these can be brought to the county's permanent facility—**by appointment only**).

The county expects to amass approximately 10 tons of hazardous material at this collection. DES, in cooperation with the Eastman Kodak Company, will properly dispose of (or recycle) this material.

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, the county's permanent collection facility is open weekly (by appointment only). For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 760-7600 (option 3), or go on-line at www.monroecounty.gov under Environmental Services.

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